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10 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Cable Secretary

SUBJECT: Censorship of Telecommunications

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum from DNI dated 19 August 1952
(Attached) (b) Memorandum from Captain S. E. Jones dated
22 August 1952

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1. In July, this Office was approached as to the interest of the Agency in telecommunications censorship planning. In August a meeting called by Captain Stephen Jones, DNI designee for telecommunications censorship planning, was attended by [] OIC. The meeting considered reference (a) and was summarized in reference (b).

2. The problem of providing information from CIA pertinent to a "flash index" was subsequently referred to FI. In a memorandum of 7 November, the Acting Chief, FI, undertook to prepare the required data.

3. Respecting leased teletypewriter equipment (paragraph 5 of reference (b)), the undersigned contacted [] of the Office of 25X1A9a Communications CIA, who indicated that the Cable Secretariat would no doubt be the best location for any machine to be installed upon activation of the censorship program. He indicated that we may already have sufficient wire connection with Navy and suggested that this question as well as any others involving technical considerations could best be solved by bringing together a Navy and an Agency communicator.

4. The undersigned visited Captain Jones (Building 52, Naval Observatory, code 1235, extension 69) on 2 December and reviewed with him and Lieutenant Libbey (in charge of the technical aspects, and available on 1235 - 59) the present status of the program. It appears that Op-321C now needs to know where we want the equipment installed and that such equipment would not duplicate existing lines. Inasmuch as FI has undertaken to provide data from the Agency to the telecommunications censorship plan and since information from censorship will be useful to the intelligence offices as well, it would be appreciated if you would review the attachments and inform the undersigned promptly of any problems you foresee, so that an early meeting between your designee and Lieutenant Libbey may be arranged to expedite planning for the installation of leased teletypewriter equipment.

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